

## GAS CO. TO PAY FOR COLD WEDDING FEAST

Guests Ate Bologna. When Woman's Cooker Was Seized on Nuptial Day.

SHE GETS \$75 DAMAGES

Judge Speaks Feelingly of Turkey That Wasn't Served Hot With Gravy.

Municipal Court Justice Washburne Lynn of the first district awarded damages to Mrs. Catherine Burke yesterday in a suit against the Standard Gas Light Company because the company removed her gas cooking stove on the day she planned to cook wedding dinner for her daughter and she was compelled to provide her guests with bologna, head cheese and pickles from a delicatessen store instead of roast turkey and hot goose.

The gas company admitted that its agent, who had been hired to remove the stove, had been mistaken in the payment of the rent of the stove she made a full payment on the day the cooker was removed. She accordingly sued for \$75 damages on the ground that the gas company's agents had invaded her home and removed the stove without warrant of law.

The gas company contended that while there had been a mistake Mrs. Burke had suffered no actual damages even if she was compelled to harvest the wedding feast from a delicatessen store.

In his opinion Justice Lynn told the elaborate preparations to cook for the guests at her daughter's wedding the next day and said:

Those who are familiar with the pleasurable excitement attending the preparations for a wedding in an Irish family are acquainted with the fact that the bride and the only ones who can appreciate the importance of this action to the plaintiff, finding her cooker gone, she was put in a condition of mind bordering on hysterics, and a woman of mature years in the full prime of motherhood such a trespass upon her rights would easily bring about such a condition. She was jeered at by her father, scolded by her daughter, the prospective bride, and even the janitor of her building and her neighbors met her with a cold stare of contempt, all of them asserting that she had been derelict in her payments and that had the rental of the gas cooker been paid no such catastrophe could have happened.

Tragedy, Says Judge.

"The injuries to this woman's feelings cannot be measured in dollars and cents, and if the law permitted this court to award exemplary damages nothing short of \$500, the full jurisdiction of the court, would be enough to appease such a tragedy in a home where a wedding was pending. She rushed hither and yon blindly, and sought the coldness of a delicatessen store for some relief to secure foods for her wedding guests, and while such foods do at times offer some consolation to the hungry stomach they fall far short of giving that tone and bliss to an Irish stomach that a well-baked goose or turkey would. It was a German delicatessen store, no doubt, where everything is well embalmed and cared for under the pure food act. She was forced to seek relief in such a store for a good healthy Irish wedding.

"I can enter fully into her feelings for, she is a country woman of mine, born with all those fine Irish instincts where pride and honor stand uppermost on the family scutcheon, and it must have been a sad conclusion she reached to supply her hospitable table with cold bologna and head cheese from a German delicatessen store."

Justice Lynn said that the gas company made every effort to right the wrong it had done to Mrs. Burke and that it made a strong defense from a materialistic standpoint, but since the injury to Mrs. Burke's feelings caused her more mental agony and grievance than the loss of dollars and cents, "I trust the company will meet this judgment against them in a spirit of fairness and pay Mrs. Burke the sum awarded her to cover in a small degree the great wrong done her by an overzealous employee."

Mourns Uncooked Turkey.

"How did she meet the stares and silent criticisms of her guests when this cold array of delicatessen products was spread out on her festive board? Did not her heart shrink and was she not mortified when she felt that her pride and honor had been invaded and diminished? It was not a wedding in her sense of the word because the time honored warmth of a hot dinner was lacking on this cold November night. The defendant gas company was not prompt to witness the wedding and the sorrowful feelings of the plaintiff when she sat at this table and served them in place of warm turkey and stuffing."

The defendant gas company had robbed her of her cooker at a time when this great fifteen-foot bird was to be basted therein and by proper handling and basting would have been turned to a golden brown, and when the luscious gravy and tempting dressing would excite the appetite of her wedding guests. It must have been more like a funeral or a wake to Mrs. Burke than a wedding. Her thoughts must have gone back to the days when she was married, when the merry punch bowl and the well-baked goose blended in peaceful harmony with the music and heads of those enjoying such a festival."

The court said that although his sympathies for Mrs. Burke were strong he could only so far as the law permits and award damages as she proves she sustained.

The court concluded that \$75 would compensate Mrs. Burke for the estates she bought but couldn't cook and the delicatessen product she served to her guests.

ASCH BUILDING INSPECTED.

Violations of Law Reported in Scene of Triangle Fire.

The Asch Building, which was the scene of the disastrous Triangle fire two years ago, was visited by inspectors from the Bureau of Fire Prevention yesterday. The reported several violations of the fire laws, including locked doors in two of the fifth floor apartments were at work, and several four summings.

One of the alleged violations was charged against the factory of Meyers, Goren & Wallace, clothing manufacturers, on the seventh floor. Two doors leading to the escape stairs were locked, the inspectors said. Henry Wallace, a member of the firm, got a summons.

Another clothing firm, Levy & Rosenbaum, on the ninth floor, was the next visited. Here the inspectors said they found doors leading to the fire escapes locked and in addition found Louis Levy, one of the firm, smoking a cigar in a room where girls were employed. Both Levy and Rosenbaum were returned to the Jefferson Market court to-day.

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## EXPECT TO BREAK UP ITALIAN VICE TRUST

District Attorney Believes He Has Evidence to Convict the Gang.

COLLECTED RICH TRIBUTE

Many Murders Also Laid to the Ring, Whose Head Has Grown Wealthy.

The District Attorney's office has in its grasp a group of men believed to be the principal members of an Italian vice ring that has been operating among the foreign colonies of Manhattan and has been responsible for a score or more murders.

This announcement was made yesterday by Assistant District Attorney Deacon Murphy after he had conferred with Deputy Police Commissioner Dougherty's office regarding the outcome of three raids made last Saturday in the Italian settlements in Harlem and in Mulberry street.

He was told that thirty-nine of the forty prisoners arrested at that time had been held for the grand jury.

Although the technical charge against them is connection with an Italian lottery that cables its results to New York every Saturday, a six months investigation has convinced Mr. Murphy that he has evidence enough to bring more serious charges against the men.

Among the prisoners is a man who is believed to be the head of the vice ring. He had to be "seen," it is said, before any shady resort was opened in this city's Italian districts. According to information in possession of Assistant District Attorney Murphy, this man collected tribute from every gambling establishment in the Italian section of Harlem or middle Manhattan.

The head of the ring has grown wealthy in the comparatively few years he has been in New York. A plot of the investigation will be to discover what relations if any existed between the prisoner and the police.

Mr. Murphy learned of the existence of this vice ring last December, when as a member of Mr. Whitman's homicide bureau he investigated the killing of Aniello Prisco, who was shot to death in New York in East 108th street near Second avenue. Since that time the Assistant District Attorney has learned that the vice ring has been responsible for about one murder a week among the Italians in New York.

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## NEW HAVEN GETS RID OF TROLLEY SYSTEM

Control of Western Massachusetts Lines Sold to Concern Here.

OTHER HOLDINGS MAY GO

Sanderson & Porter Said to Have Paid \$200 a Share.

The first step by the New Haven to divorce its trolley and public utility holdings was taken yesterday.

The western Massachusetts electric trolley systems dominated by the New Haven, were sold to the large public utility operating firm of Sanderson & Porter of this city. This was done in the purchase of control of the New England Investment and Security Company, the holding concern of electric properties chiefly in Springfield and Worcester and their environments.

It is believed that the price paid was \$200 a share for the \$100,000 common stock, which carries practical control.

The New Haven nominally has no controlling ownership in the New England Investment and Security Company. Interests connected with the New Haven therefore denied yesterday knowledge of the sale and refused to discuss the outlook for a complete separation of the trolley systems. President Mellen, however, in the role of an outsider who had heard of the sale confirmed it.

New Haven's Connection.

The New Haven's official connection with the trolley holding company is that it guarantees the payment of the 4 per cent dividend on the company's \$4,000,000 preferred stock and guarantees the payment of principal and interest of \$16,000,000 of the company's notes.

The New Haven does not officially appear as the owner of a majority of the \$100,000 common stock, which has the privilege of electing four out of the seven trustees. It is held by individuals, however, who are generally known to be entirely friendly and in sympathy with New Haven policies regarding it. The \$4,000,000 preferred stock carries with it only the minority representation of the board of trustees.

The dominance of New Haven through friendly relations with the trustees, however, has always been recognized since the organization of the holding company in 1906, when its trustees included Charles S. Mellen, Charles E. Brooker, William Skinner and Robert W. Taft of the New Haven.

The company was formed at that time to take over the street railway properties in Massachusetts held by the Consolidated Railway Company when the latter was merged with the New Haven. Because of public sentiment against a steam road holding trolley systems the New Haven was forced to give up direct ownership of car lines.

Other Subsidiaries May Go.

The significance to the financial district of the sale of the public utility properties yesterday, therefore, was that the New Haven would gradually divest itself of all its trolley and electric utility concerns. This was recommended in the report of the Interstate Commerce Commission and is another step in the undoing of the work of President Mellen in securing a monopoly of New England transportation.

There is still a good deal of doubt as to whether the Boston and Maine will be given up.

"I am not interested in the transaction," said President Mellen yesterday, "but I suppose that Sanderson & Porter purchased for investment because there was a profit in sight, as they are traders, speculators, operators and promoters. Whether their purchases are limited solely to the common stock or they have gone further and acquired an interest in the preferred, I am not advised."

Admit Buying Control.

Sanderson & Porter confirmed their purchase yesterday. Richmond Talbot, a member of the firm, said that the purchase was made from a number of large common stock holders, but refused to say whether any of them were New Haven directors or not. He said that the New Haven would continue to guarantee the interest on the \$4,000,000 preferred stock and the \$16,000,000 of notes in the event of liquidation, also its guarantees on the company's notes.

Mr. Talbot declared that his company was buying the property for good faith for its own interest and not for any individual or corporation. He was uncertain whether the property would be linked up with other organizations or not.

Sanderson & Porter are important builders and operators in the public utility field. They are closely affiliated with the National City Bank interests and James H. Colgate, president of the Federal Light and Traction Company, operating large public utilities all through the Southwest and Northwest.

14 DAY TANNERS SENTENCED.

Robinson Gets Two Years, Hoch Four for Stock Sale Fraud.

Judge Ray in the United States District Court yesterday sentenced Eugene S. Robinson and Adam Hoch to two and four years imprisonment respectively for selling the worthless stock of the American Tanning Company through the mails. The court also fined Robinson \$7,000 and Hoch \$10,000.

Hoch was the inventor of an alleged process for tanning leather in fourteen days, which was widely advertised as the basis for the formation of the American Tanning Company. This process was proved worthless by a practical test during the trial.

Robinson was the secretary of Henry N. Roach & Co., which floated the American Tanning stock issue. By a peculiar coincidence he enters the Federal prison just as his brother, Peanut Robinson, is released from the penitentiary at Stillwater, Mo., where he served two years for using the mails in a fraudulent grain brokerage business conducted in St. Paul, Minn.

H. W. Parker, president of Henry N. Roach & Co., who was indicted with Hoch and Robinson, fled to Europe.

URGES SUPPORT OF SCHNEIDER.

Andrade Writes to Political Organizations About County Clerk.

C. Andrade, Jr., sent letters yesterday to the secretaries of all the chief political organizations in New York asking for the re-nomination of County Clerk William F. Schneider, who has been endorsed by 1,100 lawyers.

Mr. Andrade, in his letter said: "As you know, the clerk of the county of New York, under the Constitution, is also clerk of the Supreme Court of the county. The office is thus most intimately connected with the administration of justice; and when an incumbent displays such extraordinary qualities for the position as Mr. Schneider has done during the past three and a half years, he merits the support of every political organization for the same reason that Justices of proven merit receive unanimous endorsement."

## SUBWAY LOOP OPEN MONDAY.

Some B. R. T. Trains to Be Sent into the Municipal Building.

The Centre street loop will go into temporary operation next Monday. It is the first section of the new subway system to be put to work since the adoption of the dual subway contracts.

The loop, which extends from the new Municipal Building to the Williamsburg and Manhattan bridges, will be operated by the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company. For the present it will serve only as a means of entrance into Manhattan of the B. R. T.'s elevated trains now stopping at the Williamsburg Bridge approach. Later on the B. R. T. will take some of the trains which now run over the Brooklyn Bridge and send them across the Williamsburg Bridge to the Municipal Building.

The loop will be connected ultimately with the Fourth avenue subway in Brooklyn and with the B. R. T.'s Broadway line in Manhattan. The connection with the Brooklyn subway line will be by way of the Manhattan Bridge. Trains will begin running some time in 1914. The connection with the Broadway subway will be through a spur to be constructed under Canal street, giving a through line from South Brooklyn to the Manhattan theatre district by way of the Manhattan Bridge.

WOODED 50 YEARS AGO, SHE SUES FOR \$25,000

Miss Mahaney Says Civil War Veteran Renewed His Suit in 1909.

PATERSON, N. J., July 31.—Silent for fifty years, during which time only her sister shared the secrets of a love affair of her youth, Miss Emma J. Mahaney, 57 years old, of Wooster, Ohio, to-day directed her counsel, John E. Tyler of this city, to release to the public the correspondence which passed between her and John Wolfe, a civil war veteran, 77 years old, of 35 Twentieth avenue, this city, against whom she has started breach of promise proceedings to recover \$25,000.

"When I was 16 I met John Wolfe at Lewistown, Pa.," said Miss Mahaney. "He wooed and won me. We became engaged, but the wedding had to be put off when he enlisted for the civil war. I thought he was dead, but in March, 1909, I received a letter from him saying he had married another girl after the war, but she had died, and he was now free to marry me and again we became engaged. He wrote me many letters at first, but in 1911 they were few and far between, and finally he wrote he could not marry me."

Miss Mahaney's suit will be heard in the Passaic county Circuit Court here in September.

"PORK" CLASH IN CAUCUS.

Democrats Recent Wilson's Failure to Hand Out Appointments.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Disaffection among Democrats over the failure of the Wilson Administration to hand out appointments more liberally was expressed at a turbulent caucus of the House Democrats to-day. "The pork hunters" were turned down, but they have not lost hope.

The caucus was called to consider a resolution presented by Representative Clark of Florida, providing for an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to defray certain expenses incident to public building construction. Of this amount \$137,000 is needed to employ additional draughtsmen and other workers in the office of the supervising architect. Otherwise nothing can be done toward the erection of public buildings authorized in the omnibus bill passed last session.

The debate waxed hot from 2 until 5 o'clock.

A trace was patched up when Mr. Fitzgerald announced that the "pork hunters" would have an opportunity to make their demands when the deficiency bill is taken up. The leaders are determined to prevent a public building appropriation at this session, if possible.

ONE MAN FIXES N. J. FIRE RATES.

Investigators Find That New Insurance Law Is Disappointing.

TEANECK, N. J., July 31.—Since the anti-discrimination law passed last winter became effective four weeks ago fire insurance rates throughout New Jersey have been fixed by one man, Atlas Brown of Newark.

This admission was made to-day by William C. Lawrence, president of the Standard Fire Insurance Company of New Jersey, when he appeared as a witness at the opening of an investigation by a House committee.

For his services in fixing uniform or basic rate schedules Mr. Brown gets one-third of the gross receipts of the gross receipts of the companies operating in this State.

Three agencies fixed insurance rates before the new law went into effect, and they are now doing the work of the three agencies the effect of the new law was exactly the opposite of what was promised for it.

MAY CLOSE SEASIDE HOSPITAL.

Effort Being Made to Save Institution at Rockaway Beach.

Samuel I. Goldberg, secretary of the board of directors of the Rockaway Seaside Hospital, announced yesterday that there is every likelihood that the institution will soon close its doors. The hospital is in debt to the extent of \$10,000, and has no funds with which to meet bills. Business men who have been giving the hospital its supplies can do so no longer.

The board of directors at a meeting last night decided to make a house-to-house canvass on Monday in effort to get enough money to keep the hospital going. Amounts as small as 10 cents will be accepted.

The hospital is non-sectarian and is rated as a first class institution. Lately it has been so crowded that private rooms, which at other times would bring a revenue, have been given up to charity patients.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Two Trips in One Through Colorado and Yellowstone Park

Why not a vacation among the wonders of the west this year, and let me help you plan one? The glory of a trip through the mountains of Colorado and the miracle country of Yellowstone National Park is beyond the power of man to express.

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In the special purchases, reaching in the New York Store nearly \$400,000, there is a saving to our customers of \$100,000.

In our large fine regular stocks, which many people reading this information have already seen on our floors, there are new low markings averaging twenty per cent.

There is wide choice in "the kind of furniture that the great old Masters made," which so many people are now asking for—Sheraton, Hepplewhite, Chippendale and Adam, and in the Jacobean, William and Mary, Queen Anne, Colonial and Elizabethan periods.

Some of the Chippendale furniture is especially interesting because it expresses the Chinese influence with lacquer decorations and gold work.

In addition to the furniture of the English schools there are many fine suites and pieces in early French designs, some in Spanish and some in Italian.

Great care has been taken in the selection of all pieces, and the highest expert knowledge has been employed to avoid false or mixed types.

## The Exhibition in the Auditorium

is attracting marked attention because it presents reproductions of famous museum pieces and some originals (genuine antiques), whose history is certified to us.

We have always had this sort of fine furniture in our stocks, and these very pieces are from our regular stocks—but it is the first time we have had the opportunity of showing them together in proper surroundings.

You will thank us for calling your attention to this Auditorium exhibition, for it is even better, in an artistic way, we are told, than the Wallace collection in London.